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July 27, 2015

Mr. Adrian Limas, Owner
Coal Basin Recycling, LLC
3505 Cook St.
Williamsburg, NM 87942

Re: Industrial Storm Water; SIC 5093; NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection; Coal Basin Recycling, LLC;
NMU001896; July 15, 2015

Dear Mr. Limas:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report and check list for the referenced inspection that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted at your facility on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This inspection report will be sent to the USEPA in Dallas for their review. These inspections are used by USEPA to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program in accordance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

Introduction, treatment scheme, and problems noted during this inspection are discussed in the "Further Explanations" section of the inspection report.

You are encouraged to review the inspection report, required to correct any problems noted during the inspection, and advised to modify your operational and/or administrative procedures, as appropriate. If you have comments on or concerns with the basis for the findings in the NMED inspection report, please contact us (see the address below) in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter. Further, you are encouraged to notify in writing both the USEPA and NMED regarding modifications and compliance schedules at the addresses below:

Gladys Gooden-Jackson
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
Enforcement Branch (6EN-WM)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Bruce Yurdin
New Mexico Environment Department
Surface Water Quality Bureau
Point Source Regulation Section
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

If you have any questions about this inspection report, please contact Sarah Holcomb at 505-827-2798 or at sarah.holcomb@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce Yurdin

Bruce J. Yurdin
Program Manager
Point Source Regulation Section
Surface Water Quality Bureau

cc: Rashida Bowlin, USEPA (6EN-AS) by e-mail
Carol Peters-Wagnon, USEPA (6EN-WM) by e-mail
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NMED District 3, Mike Kesler by e-mail



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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code			NPDES										yr/mo/day					Inspec. Type		Inspector		Fac Type									
1	N	2	5	3	N	M	U	0	0	1	8	9	6	11	12	1	5	0	7	1	5	17	18	~	19	S	20	2			
Remarks																															
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Inspection Work Days							Facility Evaluation Rating							BI		QA		Reserved													
67						69		70		1		71		N		72		N		73				74		75				80	

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) Coal Basin Recycling, LLC. Truth or Consequences, Sierra County, NM. Take the Williamsburg exit (Exit 75) and turn left on Hyde Ave. Turn left on Cook St. Facility is on the right.	Entry Time /Date 1015 hours / 7-15-2015	Permit Effective Date 6-4-2015
	Exit Time/Date 1030 hours / 7-15-2015	Permit Expiration Date 6-4-2020
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) N/A		Other Facility Data
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Mr. Adrian Limas, Owner; Coal Basin Recycling (575) 744-0004 3505 Cook St., Truth or Consequences, NM 87942		SIC: 5095 GPS: N. 33° 7' 18.15" W. -107° 17' 19.41"
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

U	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	M	Operations & Maintenance	N	CSO/SSO
N	Records/Reports	N	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Sludge Handling/Disposal	N	Pollution Prevention
M	Facility Site Review	N	Compliance Schedules	N	Pretreatment	N	Multimedia
N	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Laboratory	U	Storm Water	N	Other:

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

- The inspector arrived at 3505 Cook St., Truth or Consequences, NM at approximately 1015 hours on July 15, 2015, accompanied by the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau. The front gate to the facility was locked and the inspectors could not reach the facility by telephone.
- The inspection findings are based on a review of records held by the NMED, USEPA and what was publicly visible on the site from the public right of way.
- Please see the inspection report for further discussion.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Sarah Holcomb /s/ Sarah Holcomb	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax 505-827-2798	Date 7-27-2015
Signature of Management QA Reviewer Bruce Yurdin /s/ Bruce Yurdin	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers 505-827-2795	Date 7-27-2015

Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Coal Basin Recycling, Sector M/N
NPDES Permit #NMU001896, July 15, 2015

Further Explanations

Introduction

On July 15, 2015, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection was conducted at the Coal Basin Recycling yard (Standard Industrial Classification Code 5015 and/or 5093) located in Truth or Consequences, NM by Sarah Holcomb of the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB). The purpose of this inspection was to address concerns regarding a complaint the department received regarding spillage of auto fluids onto the ground at the site (in conjunction with Jaime Rodriguez and Frank Rodarte of the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau), and to document the operator's status regarding the NPDES multi-sector general storm water permit (MSGP) for industrial activities (this facility has industrial activities being conducted on site that meet the description of industrial activities in Sector M and N) and stormwater regulations at **40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 122.26**.

The inspectors arrived at the facility at 1015 hours. The facility's front entrance gate was locked and the inspectors could not gain access, and could not reach the facility owner by the phone number given on the sign. The inspectors made observations from the public road.

Coal Basin Recycling appears to accept both scrap metal and junk cars from the public for disposal. Inspectors observed a vehicle crusher on site, and noted discolored soil and residue on the ground beneath the crusher. Complainants who contacted the NMED with knowledge of site operations at this facility indicate that crushing generally occurs after regular business hours, without removal of vehicle fluids from the cars, and that site personnel use a front end loader to cover up the spilled fluids on the dirt below the crusher.

Storm water from this facility discharges to the Rio Grande in segment 20.6.4.103 NMAC (*State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters*) approximately 0.5 miles away. Designated uses of the Rio Grande in this section are irrigation, marginal coldwater aquatic life, livestock watering, marginal warmwater aquatic life, and secondary contact.

This report is based on on-site observations made by NMED personnel, and records maintained by NMED and the USEPA.

Findings:

Section 301(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (a.k.a. the Clean Water Act) states that "Except as in compliance with this section and sections 302, 306, 307, 318, 402 and 404 of this Act, the discharge of any pollutant by any person shall be unlawful."

40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 122.21(a) Duty to apply (1) states: "Any person who discharges or proposes to discharge pollutants...must submit a complete application to the Director in accordance with this section and part 124 of this chapter."

This facility did not have NPDES permit coverage on the date of this inspection. Storm water discharges from this facility can be regulated by either an individual NPDES permit or the Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities (MSGP). This type of facility is covered under Sector M – Automobile Salvage Yards (under SIC 5015) or Sector N – Scrap Recycling and Waste Recycling Facilities (SIC 5093).

A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) was not available and did not appear to be implemented on site. A SWPPP should include the following information:

- **A description of potential pollutant sources** – includes a site map, an identification of the types of pollutants that are likely to be present in storm water discharges, an inventory of the types of materials handled at the site that potentially may be exposed to precipitation, a list of significant spills and leaks of toxic or hazardous pollutants, sampling data, a narrative description of the potential pollutant sources from specific activities at this facility, and identification of specific potential pollutants; and

- **A description of appropriate measures and controls** – includes the type and location of existing and proposed non-structural and structural BMPs (Best Management Practices) selected for each of the areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to storm water. Non-structural and structural BMPs to be described and implemented include such things as good housekeeping, preventative maintenance, spill prevention and response procedures, periodic inspections, employee training, record keeping, non-storm water evaluations and certifications, sediment and erosion control, as well as implementation/maintenance of traditional storm water management practices, where appropriate.

Activities at this auto recycling facility can result in the creation of various pollutant sources that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Vehicle Dismantling:** This activity can be a source of pollutants such as oil, antifreeze, ethylene glycol, and heavy metals. These pollutants can come from sources such as oil, antifreeze, batteries, gasoline, diesel fuel and hydraulic fluids.
- **Used Parts Storage:** This activity can be a source of pollutants such as sulfuric acid, galvanized metals, heavy metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, and suspended solids. These pollutants can come from sources such as batteries, chrome bumpers, wheel balance weights, tires, rims, filters, radiators, catalytic converters, engine blocks, hub caps, doors, drivelines, galvanized metals, and mufflers.
- **Outdoor Vehicle and Equipment Storage:** This activity can be a source of pollutants such as oil and grease, arsenic, organics, heavy metals and TSS. These pollutants can come from sources such as leaking engines, chipping/corroding bumpers, chipping paint and galvanized metals.
- **Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance:** This activity can be a source of pollutants such as chlorinated solvents, oil and grease, heavy metals, acid/alkaline wastes, ethylene glycol, and waste oil. These pollutants can come from sources such as parts cleaning, waste disposal of oily rags, oil filters, air filters, batteries, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, radiator fluids, degreasers, spills, and fluids replacements.

If not properly managed or treated in accordance with an NPDES permit, activities associated with this facility could be a potential threat to water quality through storm water discharges.

Site Inspection Summary

This facility is owned and operated by Mr. Adrian Limas. The Limas family also owns and operates two auto recycling/scrap recycling facilities in Albuquerque (ABQ Auto Salvage and Recycling LLC) and Gamerco (facility under the same name, outside of Gallup). Both of these facilities appear to have permit coverage under the 2008 MSGP under tracking numbers NMR05HH59 (ABQ Auto Salvage and Recycling LLC at 4506 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106 – 1 acre in size) and NMR05HQ95 (ABQ Auto Salvage and Recycling LLC at 61 Coal Basin Rd., Gamerco, NM 87317 – 14.5 acres in size). The NOIs for both facilities were submitted to EPA's CDX system on June 22, 2012.

Through records review, it also appears that Ms. Stephanie Limas submitted a NOI under EPA's Vessel General Permit, obtaining tracking number VPAAI036G. However, upon further investigation, it appears to be a modified document that originated with BP Shipping Ltd., signed by John Ridgway, CEO of BP Shipping Ltd., in the United Kingdom. Ms. Limas appears to have changed information on the original NOI, including the name of the certifying official (changed from John Ridgway to Stephanie Limas), the date of last dry dock (changed from 4-29-2009 to 7-9-2011), the date of the next anticipated dry dock (changed from 7-11-2011 to 7-1-2016), the type of anti-fouling hull coating on the vessel (changed from Antifouling SeaQuantum Classic – (TBT Free) to Seaforce 90 TBT free self polishing copolymer SPC anti fouling) and the date the coating was last applied (changed from 4-27-2009 to 6-30-2011). Additionally, Ms. Limas appears to have signed and officially submitted this document through EPA's CDX system. She submitted the document on January 25, 2012. Ms. Limas' email address (stinks0725@aol.com) is listed on this VGP NOI, as well as on both NOIs for the Albuquerque and Gamerco facilities. Copies of the original and modified VGP NOI documents are attached as Appendix A to this report.

On the day of the inspection, some pollutant sources observed on site that were exposed outside and could potentially come into contact with storm water included: 1) spilled oil or other fluids below the crusher on-site, 2) various scrap metal and other car parts around the site, and 3) tires.

As stated above, the inspector attempted to call to conduct an entrance and/or exit interview, but could not reach the facility owner.

NMED/SWQB

Official Photograph Log

Photo # 1

Photographer: Frank Rodarte, NMED HWB	Date: 7-15-2015	Time: 1157 hours
City/County: Williamsburg/Sierra County		
Location: Coal Basin Recycling, 3505 Cook St., Williamsburg, NM		
Subject: Crusher observed on site. Note the oily dark colored material to the right side of the crusher.		





United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460
**Notice of Intent (NOI) for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a
Vessel under the NPDES Vessel General Permit**

OMB No.
2040-0004

Submission of this completed Notice of Intent (NOI) constitutes notice that the entity in Section A intends to be authorized to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States, from the vessel identified in Section B, under EPA's Vessel General Permit (VGP). Submission of the NOI also constitutes notice that the party identified in Section B of this form has read, understands, and meets the eligibility conditions of Part 1 of the VGP; agrees to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the VGP; and understands that continued authorization under the VGP is contingent on maintaining eligibility for coverage. In order to be granted coverage, all information required on this form must be completed. Please read and make sure you comply with all permit requirements.

NPDES Permit Tracking Number (EPA Use Only):

A. Vessel Owner/Operator Information

1. Name:
2. IRS Employer Information Number / Owner/Operator IMO Number:
3. Name of Certifying Official:
4. Mailing Address: a. Street:
b. City: c. State: d. Zip code:
e. Phone: f. Fax (Optional):
g. Email:

B. Vessel Information

1. Vessel Name:
2. Vessel ID/Registered Number/Vessel IMO Number:
3. Vessel Call Sign:
4. Flag State/Port of Registry:
5. Type of Vessel (select one)
☐ Commercial Fishing Vessel with Ballast Water ☐ Barge
☐ Medium Cruise Ship (100 to 499 passengers) ☒ Oil or Gas Tanker
☐ Large Cruise Ship (500+ passengers) ☐ Research Vessel
☐ Large Ferry (250+ passengers or more than 100 tons of cargo, e.g., cars, trucks, trains, or other land-based transportation.) ☐ Rescue Vessel
☐ Other:
6. Vessel Dimensions: a. Weight: gross registered tons
b. Length: meters
7. Ballast Water Capacity: meters³
8. Year Vessel Built:
9. a. Date of last dry-dock: b. Date of next scheduled/anticipated dry-dock:
10. Does the vessel have onboard treatment systems for any other waste stream covered by this permit (e.g. Advanced Wastewater Treatment System for Graywater, Oily Water Separator)?
☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please complete the following for each treatment system:
Waste Stream:
Treatment system type/design and manufacturer:
Treatment System Capacity:
11. Ballast Water:
a. How often is the ballast tank cleaned and sediment disposed of?
b. How and where do you typically dispose of ballast tank sediment?
c. Does vessel have an existing ballast water management plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No
12. a. Type of anti-fouling hull coating on the vessel:
b. When anti-fouling hull coating was last applied:

c. Describe hull husbandry practices, such as frequency of cleaning, method used, etc:

13. Does vessel currently have, or has vessel ever held, an NPDES permit, for any part, discharge, or operation of the vessel?

☐Yes ☒No

a. If yes, please provide the following:

Permit Number:

Dates of coverage:

b. Is this a transfer of ownership: ☐Yes ☒No

If Yes, provide date of transfer:

C. Vessel Voyage Information

1. Home Port/Most Frequented US Port:

2. US Ports Vessel Anticipates Visting During Permit Term:

3. Number of overnight berths: a. Passengers b. Crew

a. Maximum passenger capacity b. Crew

4. Does vessel travel beyond the US EEZ and more than 200 nm from any shore? ☒Yes ☐No

5. Is the vessel engaged in Pacific Nearshore Voyages? ☐Yes ☒No

D. Discharge Information (commercial fishing vessels and vessels < 79 feet in length need only select Ballast Water; if such vessels have no ballast water discharges they do not need coverage under this permit):

1. Select all applicable discharges vessel may generate:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deck Washdown and Runoff | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Turbine Wash Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilgewater/Oily Water Separator Effluent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graywater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballast Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Gasoline and Compensating Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anti-fouling hull coatings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Oily Machinery Wastewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aqueous Film Forming Foams (AFFF) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator and Air Condensate Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boiler/Economizer Blowdown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seawater Cooling Overboard Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathodic Protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seawater Piping Biofouling Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Locker Effluent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Boat Engine Wet Exhaust |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Controllable Pitch Propeller Hydraulic Fluid and other Oil-to-Sea Interfaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Sonar Dome Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distillation or Reverse Osmosis Brine | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater Ship Husbandry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator Pit Effluent | <input type="checkbox"/> Welldeck discharges |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firemain Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Graywater Mixed with Sewage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater layup | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust Gas Scrubber Washwater Discharge |

2. Does Vessel ever engage in or have capacity to engage in industrial operations? ☐Yes ☒No

☐Seafood processing ☐Mining

☐Energy exploration ☐Other

3. Will the vessel be using experimental ballast water treatment system which discharges residual biocides or derivatives? ☐Yes ☒No

b. If yes, are biocide concentrations below those listed in Part 5.8 of the Permit? ☐Yes ☐No

c. List the biocide residuals or derivatives that may be discharged by the ballast water treatment system:

E. Certifier Name and Title

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information contained therein. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information contained is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Print Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Email:

NOI Preparer (Complete if NOI was prepared by someone other than the certifier)

Prepared By:

Organization:

Phone:

Ext:

Email:

Instructions for Completing the Notice of Intent for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Vessel under the NPDES Vessel General Permit

NOI Submittal Deadlines/Discharge Authorization Dates		
Category	NOI Deadline	Discharge Authorization Date ¹
Vessels delivered to owner or operator on or before September 19, 2009	No later than September 19, 2009	2009 Coverage granted until September 19, 2009. If EPA receives an NOI before September 19, 2009, uninterrupted coverage continues.
New Owner/Operator of Vessel - transfer of ownership and/or operation of a vessel whose discharge is previously authorized under this permit	By date of transfer of ownership and/or operation	Date of transfer or date EPA receives NOI; whichever is later
New vessels delivered to owner or operator after September 19, 2009	30 days prior to discharge into waters subject to this permit	30 days after complete NOI is received by EPA
Existing vessels delivered to owner or operator after September 19, 2009 that were not previously authorized under this permit	30 days prior to discharge into waters subject to this permit	30 days after complete NOI is received by EPA

¹ Based on a review of your NOI or other information, EPA may delay the discharge authorization date for further review, or may deny coverage under this permit and require submission of an application for an individual NPDES permit, as detailed in Part 1.8. In these instances, EPA will notify you in writing of the delay or the request for submission of an individual NPDES permit application. If EPA requires an individual permit for an existing vessel previously covered by a general permit, EPA will allow the permittee a reasonable amount of time to obtain individual permit coverage before the general permit coverage terminates.

Who Must File a Notice of Intent with EPA?

Under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), federal law prohibits discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel unless that discharge is covered under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. To obtain authorization under this permit, operators must meet the eligibility requirements found in Part 1.2 of the Permit and, if required by Part 1.5.1.1 of the Permit, submit a complete and accurate NOI according to the requirements in Part 10/Appendix E. NOIs must be signed in accordance with 40 CFR 122.22.

An owner/operator is required to submit an NOI if the vessel meets either of the following two criteria:

- The vessel is greater or equal to 300 gross tons,
Or
- The vessel has the capacity to hold or discharge more than 8 cubic meters (2113 gallons) of Ballast Water.

An operator of a vessel is not required to submit a NOI pursuant to Part 1.5.1.2 of the permit if the vessel is less than 300 tons and does not have the capacity to hold or discharge more than 8 cubic meters of ballast water. Owner/Operators that are not required to submit an NOI automatically receive coverage under this permit for their vessel and are authorized to discharge in accordance with the permit requirements.

If you have specific questions about the Vessels General Permit please send a detailed email to commercialvesselpermit@epa.gov for assistance.

Where to File the NOI Form

EPA encourages you to complete the NOI form electronically via the Internet. EPA's Vessels Electronic Notice of Intent System (eNOI) can be found at www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels/enoi. Filing electronically is the fastest way to obtain permit coverage and help ensure that your NOI is complete. If you choose not to file electronically, you must send the NOI to one of the addresses listed below.

NOIs sent regular mail:

EPA Vessels Notice Processing Center (4203M)
USEPA
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

NOIs sent overnight/express mail:

EPA Vessels Notice Processing Center
EPA East Building, Rm. 7420
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-564-9545

If you have questions about whether you need to file an NOI or questions about completing the form, refer to www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels/enoi or contact the NOI center at 1-866-352-7755.

If you file a paper NOI, please submit the original with a signature in ink – Do Not Send Copies. Also, faxed copies will not be accepted.

Completing the NOI Form

To complete this form, type or print in uppercase letters in the appropriate areas only. Please make sure you complete all questions. Make sure you make a photocopy for your records before you send the completed original form to the address above. You may also use this paper form as a checklist for the information you will need when filing an NOI electronically via EPA's Vessels eNOI system.

NPDES Permit Tracking Number

1. This field is for EPA only and will be populated only by EPA Call Center or the eNOI system to document that system generated NOI tracking number once a paper NOI has been entered into the system.

Section A. Owner/Operator Information

1. Provide the full legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or other entity that is the owner/operator of the vessel described in this application.
2. Provide the Employer Identification Number (EIN from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)), commonly referred to as your taxpayer ID number. If the owner/operator does not have an EIN, enter the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Registered Owner or Company (DOC) number. Please designate the type of ID number entered. If the owner/operator does not have an EIN or IMO Owner or company number, enter "NA" in the space provided.
3. Provide the name of the Certifying Official.
4. Provide the owner/operator's mailing address, telephone number, fax number (optional), and email address. Correspondence will be sent to this address.

Section B. Vessel Information

1. Provide the vessel's official or legal name, if applicable. If the vessel does not have a name, enter "NA" in the space provided.
2. Provide the vessel's identification, registered identification number, or IMO Ship number, as applicable. Indicate the type of number used to identify the vessel. If the vessel does not have an identification number, enter "NA" in the space provided.
3. Enter the vessel call sign, if applicable. If the vessel does not have a call sign, enter "NA" in the space provided.
4. Provide the flag state or port of registry. If the vessel does not have a flag state or port of registry, enter "NA" in the space provided.
5. Select the type of vessel by checking the appropriate box. Only the vessel types required to meet additional, vessel type-specific Permit standards are listed; all other vessel types should select "other" and enter the vessel type in the space provided.
- 6a. Enter the vessel weight in gross tons or gross registered tons and specify the units entered.
- 6b. Enter the vessel length in feet or meters, and specify the units entered.
7. Enter the ballast water capacity in gallons or m³ and specify the units entered.
8. Enter the 4-digit year that the vessel was built.
- 9a. Enter the date of last dry-dock: Month/Day/Year
- 9b. Enter the date of the next scheduled/anticipated dry-dock: Month/Day/Year
10. Indicate whether the vessel currently has any onboard treatment systems for any waste stream listed in the permit, such as an Advanced Wastewater Treatment System (AWTS) used for graywater or an Oily Water Separator (OWS) used for bilgewater. If yes, Describe the treatment system, including what waste stream it treats, the type and design of the system, and treatment capacity.
11. Provide information on the frequency and method of ballast tank sediment disposal and whether the vessel currently has a ballast water management plan.
12. Indicate whether the vessel has an anti-foulant coating applied to the hull, what type of coating, when it was last applied, and briefly describe the vessel hull husbandry practices, including frequency of hull cleaning and method usually used.
13. Indicate whether the vessel currently holds or has ever held a NPDES permit for any part, discharge, or operation of the vessel.
- 13a. If yes, include the Permit number and dates of permit coverage.
- 13b. If the vessel is covered under this General Permit and this NOI is being submitted for a transfer of ownership to continue coverage, check the appropriate box, and include the date of transfer: Month/Day/Year.

Section C. Vessel Voyage Information

1. Enter the vessel home port, or if it does not have a home port, enter the US port it most frequently visits.

2. Provide the name of each US port the vessel may visit during the Permit term. This list does not need to be exhaustive, but should be based on ports visited in the past and should be representative of the geographic area in which the vessel travels.
3. Provide the number of overnight berths for passengers and crew. Provide the maximum passenger capacity. Provide the crew capacity, that is, the number of crew needed for or normally used for operating the vessel.
4. Select the appropriate box to indicate if the vessel will travel in ocean waters seaward of the US EEZ and more than 200 nm from any shore. US EEZ is defined as the United State Exclusive Economic Zone. Some vessels may travel outside the US EEZ but not 200 nm from any shore. For example, vessels engaged in Pacific or Atlantic Nearshore Voyages that do not travel more than 200 nm from shore should select 'NO'.
5. Select the appropriate box if the vessel is engaged in Pacific Nearshore Voyages.

Section D. Discharge Information

1. From the list provided, select each applicable discharge type that your vessel may create. All discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel are included in permit coverage; you do not have to select each discharge type for your vessel to receive coverage for all discharges you may have; however, when completing the NOI, vessel owner/operators should list all discharge types they expect from their vessels. Many of these discharges are defined in Part 7-Appendix A of the Permit. You can find further information on discharges in Part 2.2 of the Permit and Part 4.4 of the Fact Sheet found at the Vessels website at www.epa.gov/nepdes/vessels. Commercial fishing vessels and vessels less than 79 feet in length will only receive permit coverage for ballast water discharges and do not need to check other types of discharges in the NOI.
2. Select the appropriate box if the vessel ever engaged in or has capacity to engage in industrial operation. If yes, select the appropriate box to indicate the type of industrial operation, such as seafood processing, energy exploration, mining, or other. If 'Other', indicate the type of industrial operation.
3. If the vessel will be using a ballast water treatment system, check the appropriate box and answer the questions related to the discharge of residual biocides. The requirements for vessels using a ballast water treatment system can be found in section 5.8 of the Permit.

Section E. Certification

Carefully read the certification statement. By completing and submitting the NOI, the owner/operator certifies that every applicable General permit requirement will be met. Enter certifier's printed name, title and email address. Sign and date the form. (CAUTION: An unsigned or undated NOI form will prevent the granting of permit coverage.) Federal statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460
**Notice of Intent (NOI) for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a
Vessel under the NPDES Vessel General Permit**

OMB No.
2040-0004

Submission of this completed Notice of Intent (NOI) constitutes notice that the entity in Section A intends to be authorized to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States, from the vessel identified in Section B, under EPA's Vessel General Permit (VGP). Submission of the NOI also constitutes notice that the party identified in Section B of this form has read, understands, and meets the eligibility conditions of Part 1 of the VGP; agrees to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the VGP; and understands that continued authorization under the VGP is contingent on maintaining eligibility for coverage. In order to be granted coverage, all information required on this form must be completed. Please read and make sure you comply with all permit requirements.

NPDES Permit Tracking Number (EPA Use Only):

A. Vessel Owner/Operator Information

1. Name:
2. IRS Employer Information Number / Owner/Operator IMO Number:
3. Name of Certifying Official:
4. Mailing Address: a. Street:
b. City: c. State: d. Zip code:
e. Phone: f. Fax (Optional):
g. Email:

B. Vessel Information

1. Vessel Name:
2. Vessel ID/Registered Number/Vessel IMO Number:
3. Vessel Call Sign:
4. Flag State/Port of Registry:
5. Type of Vessel (select one)
☐ Commercial Fishing Vessel with Ballast Water
☐ Medium Cruise Ship (100 to 499 passengers)
☐ Large Cruise Ship (500+ passengers)
☐ Large Ferry (250+ passengers or more than 100 tons of cargo, e.g., cars, trucks, trains, or other land-based transportation.)
☐ Barge
☒ Oil or Gas Tanker
☐ Research Vessel
☐ Rescue Vessel
☐ Other:
6. Vessel Dimensions: a. Weight: gross registered tons
b. Length: meters
7. Ballast Water Capacity: meters³
8. Year Vessel Built:
9. a. Date of last dry-dock: b. Date of next scheduled/anticipated dry-dock:
10. Does the vessel have onboard treatment systems for any other waste stream covered by this permit (e.g. Advanced Wastewater Treatment System for Graywater, Oily Water Separator)?
☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please complete the following for each treatment system:
Waste Stream:
Treatment system type/design and manufacturer:
Treatment System Capacity:
11. Ballast Water:
a. How often is the ballast tank cleaned and sediment disposed of?
b. How and where do you typically dispose of ballast tank sediment?
c. Does vessel have an existing ballast water management plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No
12. a. Type of anti-fouling hull coating on the vessel:
b. When anti-fouling hull coating was last applied:

c. Describe hull husbandry practices, such as frequency of cleaning, method used, etc:

13. Does vessel currently have, or has vessel ever held, an NPDES permit, for any part, discharge, or operation of the vessel?

☐Yes ☒No

a. If yes, please provide the following:

Permit Number:

Dates of coverage:

b. Is this a transfer of ownership: ☐Yes ☒No

If Yes, provide date of transfer:

C. Vessel Voyage Information

1. Home Port/Most Frequented US Port:

2. US Ports Vessel Anticipates Visting During Permit Term:

3. Number of overnight berths: a. Passengers b. Crew

a. Maximum passenger capacity b. Crew

4. Does vessel travel beyond the US EEZ and more than 200 nm from any shore? ☒Yes ☐No

5. Is the vessel engaged in Pacific Nearshore Voyages? ☐Yes ☒No

D. Discharge Information (commercial fishing vessels and vessels < 79 feet in length need only select Ballast Water; if such vessels have no ballast water discharges they do not need coverage under this permit):

1. Select all applicable discharges vessel may generate:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deck Washdown and Runoff | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Turbine Wash Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilgewater/Oily Water Separator Effluent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graywater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ballast Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Gasoline and Compensating Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anti-fouling hull coatings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Oily Machinery Wastewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aqueous Film Forming Foams (AFFF) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator and Air Condensate Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boiler/Economizer Blowdown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seawater Cooling Overboard Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathodic Protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seawater Piping Biofouling Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Locker Effluent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Boat Engine Wet Exhaust |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Controllable Pitch Propeller Hydraulic Fluid and other Oil-to-Sea Interfaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Sonar Dome Discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distillation or Reverse Osmosis Brine | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater Ship Husbandry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator Pit Effluent | <input type="checkbox"/> Welldeck discharges |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firemain Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Graywater Mixed with Sewage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater layup | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust Gas Scrubber Washwater Discharge |

2. Does Vessel ever engage in or have capacity to engage in industrial operations? ☐Yes ☒No

☐Seafood processing ☐Mining

☐Energy exploration ☐Other

3. Will the vessel be using experimental ballast water treatment system which discharges residual biocides or derivatives? ☐Yes ☒No

b. If yes, are biocide concentrations below those listed in Part 5.8 of the Permit? ☐Yes ☐No

c. List the biocide residuals or derivatives that may be discharged by the ballast water treatment system:

E. Certifier Name and Title

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information contained therein. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information contained is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Print Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Email:

NOI Preparer (Complete if NOI was prepared by someone other than the certifier)

Prepared By:

Organization:

Phone:

Ext:

Email:

Instructions for Completing the Notice of Intent for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Vessel under the NPDES Vessel General Permit

NOI Submittal Deadlines/Discharge Authorization Dates		
Category	NOI Deadline	Discharge Authorization Date ¹
Vessels delivered to owner or operator on or before September 19, 2009	No later than September 19, 2009	2009 Coverage granted until September 19, 2009. If EPA receives an NOI before September 19, 2009, uninterrupted coverage continues.
New Owner/Operator of Vessel - transfer of ownership and/or operation of a vessel whose discharge is previously authorized under this permit	By date of transfer of ownership and/or operation	Date of transfer or date EPA receives NOI; whichever is later
New vessels delivered to owner or operator after September 19, 2009	30 days prior to discharge into waters subject to this permit	30 days after complete NOI is received by EPA
Existing vessels delivered to owner or operator after September 19, 2009 that were not previously authorized under this permit	30 days prior to discharge into waters subject to this permit	30 days after complete NOI is received by EPA

¹ Based on a review of your NOI or other information, EPA may delay the discharge authorization date for further review, or may deny coverage under this permit and require submission of an application for an individual NPDES permit, as detailed in Part 1.8. In these instances, EPA will notify you in writing of the delay or the request for submission of an individual NPDES permit application. If EPA requires an individual permit for an existing vessel previously covered by a general permit, EPA will allow the permittee a reasonable amount of time to obtain individual permit coverage before the general permit coverage terminates.

Who Must File a Notice of Intent with EPA?

Under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), federal law prohibits discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel unless that discharge is covered under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. To obtain authorization under this permit, operators must meet the eligibility requirements found in Part 1.2 of the Permit and, if required by Part 1.5.1.1 of the Permit, submit a complete and accurate NOI according to the requirements in Part 10/Appendix E. NOIs must be signed in accordance with 40 CFR 122.22.

An owner/operator is required to submit an NOI if the vessel meets either of the following two criteria:

- The vessel is greater or equal to 300 gross tons,
Or
- The vessel has the capacity to hold or discharge more than 8 cubic meters (2113 gallons) of Ballast Water.

An operator of a vessel is not required to submit a NOI pursuant to Part 1.5.1.2 of the permit if the vessel is less than 300 tons and does not have the capacity to hold or discharge more than 8 cubic meters of ballast water. Owner/Operators that are not required to submit an NOI automatically receive coverage under this permit for their vessel and are authorized to discharge in accordance with the permit requirements.

If you have specific questions about the Vessels General Permit please send a detailed email to commercialvesselpermit@epa.gov for assistance.

Where to File the NOI Form

EPA encourages you to complete the NOI form electronically via the Internet. EPA's Vessels Electronic Notice of Intent System (eNOI) can be found at www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels/enoi. Filing electronically is the fastest way to obtain permit coverage and help ensure that your NOI is complete. If you choose not to file electronically, you must send the NOI to one of the addresses listed below.

NOIs sent regular mail:

EPA Vessels Notice Processing Center (4203M)
USEPA
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

NOIs sent overnight/express mail:

EPA Vessels Notice Processing Center
EPA East Building, Rm. 7420
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-564-9545

If you have questions about whether you need to file an NOI or questions about completing the form, refer to www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels/enoi or contact the NOI center at 1-866-352-7755.

If you file a paper NOI, please submit the original with a signature in ink – Do Not Send Copies. Also, faxed copies will not be accepted.

Completing the NOI Form

To complete this form, type or print in uppercase letters in the appropriate areas only. Please make sure you complete all questions. Make sure you make a photocopy for your records before you send the completed original form to the address above. You may also use this paper form as a checklist for the information you will need when filing an NOI electronically via EPA's Vessels eNOI system.

NPDES Permit Tracking Number

1. This field is for EPA only and will be populated only by EPA Call Center or the eNOI system to document that system generated NOI tracking number once a paper NOI has been entered into the system.

Section A. Owner/Operator Information

1. Provide the full legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or other entity that is the owner/operator of the vessel described in this application.
2. Provide the Employer Identification Number (EIN from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)), commonly referred to as your taxpayer ID number. If the owner/operator does not have an EIN, enter the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Registered Owner or Company (DOC) number. Please designate the type of ID number entered. If the owner/operator does not have an EIN or IMO Owner or company number, enter "NA" in the space provided.
3. Provide the name of the Certifying Official.
4. Provide the owner/operator's mailing address, telephone number, fax number (optional), and email address. Correspondence will be sent to this address.

Section B. Vessel Information

1. Provide the vessel's official or legal name, if applicable. If the vessel does not have a name, enter "NA" in the space provided.
2. Provide the vessel's identification, registered identification number, or IMO Ship number, as applicable. Indicate the type of number used to identify the vessel. If the vessel does not have an identification number, enter "NA" in the space provided.
3. Enter the vessel call sign, if applicable. If the vessel does not have a call sign, enter "NA" in the space provided.
4. Provide the flag state or port of registry. If the vessel does not have a flag state or port of registry, enter "NA" in the space provided.
5. Select the type of vessel by checking the appropriate box. Only the vessel types required to meet additional, vessel type-specific Permit standards are listed; all other vessel types should select "other" and enter the vessel type in the space provided.
- 6a. Enter the vessel weight in gross tons or gross registered tons and specify the units entered.
- 6b. Enter the vessel length in feet or meters, and specify the units entered.
7. Enter the ballast water capacity in gallons or m³ and specify the units entered.
8. Enter the 4-digit year that the vessel was built.
- 9a. Enter the date of last dry-dock: Month/Day/Year
- 9b. Enter the date of the next scheduled/anticipated dry-dock: Month/Day/Year
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